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Mr. John R. Searles, Jr., Executive Director  
District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency  
499 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Searles:

The Central Intelligence Agency, in cooperation with the National Capital Regional Planning Council and the National Capital Planning Commission, has been considering the selection of a site for its new headquarters building for more than a year. During this process, we have engaged a private firm of landscape architects and consulting engineers to assist us in our studies of the more than 30 possible locations which were under consideration.

As you probably know, we have received the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission approving our proposal to locate our new building on a portion of the Bureau of Public Roads property at Langley, Virginia. In view of the interest you have expressed on behalf of the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency, we would like you to know that we have decided to proceed with our plans for the development of the Langley site.

While this decision is adverse to the resolution of your Board of Directors, which you transmitted to us in June, 1955, I am sure you will realize the impossibility of obtaining unanimous agreement with regard to the selection of a site for an installation of this size. We sincerely believe that the Langley property provides the site best suited to our needs.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated, and I should like to thank you sincerely for the opportunity you have provided us to consider your views and the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Redevelopment Land Agency in the process of finally selecting the site for our building.

Sincerely,

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